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Date: August 5, 2021
To: GAPPS Membership
From: Greg Dickens, Interim President
Reference: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

This week, many of our schools will return to the classroom. We pray for the safety and guidance of everyone as they begin this fresh, new year. That the faculty & staff will be equipped and that the students will be ready to learn. It can be hard to let go and enter into a world that seems so unstable, but our God is bigger than all of our worries. May we trust Him today and every day! Our hope & prayer at GAPPS is that this year will be the best one yet!

It is no secret that COVID may impact the school year once again. We are following information relevant to the affect that the situation may have on interscholastic events. Dr. Hines and the staff at Georgia High School Association (GHSA) have done a great service to all students by providing guidance through communication with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC). We are thankful for their diligence and desire to keep our students safe.

The below content is a portion of a memo posted on June 8, 2021 by the Georgia High School Association:

The GHSA has determined that the member schools should follow the guidance below in moving forward for the Summer 2021 voluntary workouts and for the 2021-22 SY during GHSA sports/activities.

- Our plan as of today is to move forward without restrictions for the 2021 Summer Workouts and 2021-22 SY sports/activities.
- Our goal continues to be to provide sports and activities for our students with safety being the top priority.
- The SMAC will continue to meet on a regular basis to consider changes in COVID data. Recommendations and restrictions are fluid and subject to change. Safety must be our top priority.

GAPPS will implement the following guidelines:

- GAPPS will utilize the 2021-22 Beginning and Ending Dates as outline on the GAPPS calendar.
- GAPPS will respect our member schools' COVID guidance during regular season contest/activities.
- GAPPS staff will follow the SMAC/GHSA recommendations current to the event, during GAPPS state events.
- GAPPS will evaluate and modify these guidelines as necessary.